

**KY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

**2016-2018**

(Projects listed by agency priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

- 1 Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central Expansion \$4,471,000**  
The need for this expansion, which will open up approximately 3500 burial plots, add 800 wall niches to the columbarium wall, and add 300 burial plots for in-ground cremations, is considered by the agency to be paramount. The cemetery currently has 4,400 burial plots of which 2,688 or 61% have been filled, leaving 1,712 plots available. Space for existing burial plots will be depleted by 2020 and space for in-ground cremations and the columbarium wall will be depleted in 2021. The cemetery inters on the average 12 veterans per week and currently holds over 8,500 pre-eligibility applications for interment. (C-PI)
- 2 Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West Columbarium Wall Expansion \$625,000**  
This project would construct a new columbarium wall to provide cremation burial space for veterans and their eligible dependents. The proposed columbarium wall will add approximately 1,000 wall niches for cremations. The projected use of this columbarium wall will be approximately 10 years. (C-PI)
- 3 Thomson-Hood Veterans Center 2 Unit Renovation \$6,740,000**  
Conversion of two wings of the facility to a community living concept model in which residents live as close as possible as they would in their own homes. Private rooms and centralized meal preparation areas, amongst other things, are aspects of the community living concept, which is now a requirement for construction of new nursing homes within the VA grant-supported system. (C-PI)
- 4 Construct Bowling Green Veterans Center \$30,000,000**  
Construct a 90-bed (approximately 140,000-square-foot) veterans nursing home in Bowling Green using the community living concept. An 18-20 acre building site at the Kentucky Intermodal Transpark will accommodate the new facility. The proposed project will primarily serve 17 counties with an underserved veteran population of over 28,000 and a secondary service area of seven counties with over 14,000 veterans. Of the 24 counties served by the project, the largest concentration of veterans are in Warren County at nearly 8,000. (C-O)